

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated September 6, 2005. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Drawing figures 1-15 were objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 or 1.152 for minor informalities. The drawings figures 1-15 have been replaced with a substitute drawing figures 1-15 to overcome these objections. No new matter has been added.

Claims 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otaki et al. (USPN 6,328,667) in view of Lansdale (USPN 5,013,050).

Claims 26-28 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim 20. The Examiner, however, noted that claims 26-28 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of claims 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Otaki in view of Lansdale, as the prior art provides no motivation and/or suggestion to combine teachings of the cited prior art. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 20 has been amended to include all the limitation of claim 26, thus placing it in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Claim 26 has been canceled. Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to change the dependency of claims 27 and 28

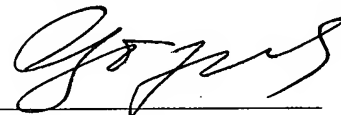
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from canceled claim 26.

Moreover, claims 1, 20 and 29 have been amended to correct minor inconsistencies. No new matter has been added.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 8, 9, 18, 20-25 and 27-30 define the invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-15. The replacement sheets, which include Figs. 1-15, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-15.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets